Summer/Winter flights schedule, menus are revised. Food festivals are also held on board of NACIL flights bringing the uniqueness of Indian cuisine. On festivals like Diwali, Onam, Pongal etc. special meals are uplifted.

International flights from Calicut

2964. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of international passengers coming to Southern States, year-wise and airport-wise;

(b) the details of the foreign airlines operating from these airports, airport-wise;

(c) whether requests for permission to start services of foreign airlines from Calicut airport are pending with Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government; and

(e) the details of the criterion for permitting foreign airlines operating from the airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The total number of international disembarked passengers during the year 2006–07 at Southern airports has been – Chennai – 1388118, Bangalore – 637940, Hyderabad – 598766, Cochin – 686446, Trivandrum – 566256, Calicut – 427354, Coimbatore – 4708, Mangalore – 15717, Trichi – 71277 and Vishakhapatnam – 18 respectively.

(b) The foreign airlines operating from Bangalore airport are Air Arabia, Air France, British Airways, Emirates, Ethiad Airways, Gulf Air, Lufthansa, Malaysian Airlines, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Srilankan Airlines and Thai International Airways; From Calicut airport are Srilankan Airlines and Air Arabia; From Chennai airport are Air Arabia, Air France, Air Mauritius, Alitalia, British Airways, Cargo Italia, Cargolux, Cathay Pacific Airways, Emirates, Ethaid Airways, Gulf Air, Korean Airlines, Kuwait Airways, Lufthansa, Malaysian Airlines, Oman Air, Qatar Airways, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Srilankan Airlines, Thai International Airways, Tiger Airways, Transmile Cargo, Polar Air and Expo Cargo; From Cochin airport are Air Arabia, Emirates, Ethiad Airways, Gulf Air, Jazeera Airways, Kuwait Airways, Oman Air, Qatar Airways, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Silk Air, Srilankan Airlines and Tiger Airways; From Coimbatore airport are Air Arabia, Silk Air and Srilankan Airlines; From Hyderabad airport are Emirates, KLM Royal Dutch, Kuwait Airways, Lufthansa, Malaysian Airlines, Oman Air, Qatar Airways, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Srilankan Airlines and Thai International Airways; From Trichy airport are Mihin Lanka and Srilankan Airlines; and from Trivandrum airport are Air Arabia, Emirates, Ethiad Airways, Gulf Air, Island Aviation, Kuwait Airways, Mihin Lanka, Oman Air, Qatar Airways, Silk Air and Srilankan Airlines respectively.

(c) and (d) Calicut is available as point of call for the designated airlines of ASEAN countries *viz.* Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Combodia, Vietnam and Brunei and SAARC countries *viz.* Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Maldives with unlimited access. Apart from these, Calicut has also been granted as point of call to the designated airlines of Gulf countries also *viz.* UAE (Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah and Ras-Al-Khaimah), Oman and Qatar recently.

(e) Foreign airlines can operate to and from airports in India within the framework of bilateral Air Services agreements of India with the foreign country concerned.

Income from Mumbai Airport

2965. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai airport was handed over to Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. for construction, modernisation and upgradation on private venture route;

(b) if so, the income of Mumbai airport on air tariff and on rentals for the years 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008; and

(c) the details regarding the development and upgradation of Mumbai airport after and before handing over to the consortiums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The income of the airport during the last 3 years was: 2005-06 Rs. 665.48 crores, 2006-07 Rs. 718.93 crores and 2007-08 Rs. 856.83 crores (provisional).

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has entered into an Operation, Management and Development Agreement (OMDA) with M/s Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (MIAL) for Mumbai airport. The airport was handed over to MIAL on 03.05.2006. Under the OMDA, MIAL is required to complete 32 Mandatory Capital Projects (MCPs) by 31.03.2010. 26 MCPs out of 32 have since been completed and rest are progressing as per schedule.

Before handing over the airport to MIAL, AAI has completed the works relating to construction of additional parking bays, link taxi track, new bridge over Mithi river, 4 nos. international remote parking bays, taxiway parallel to secondary runway, new additional parking bays, rapid taxitrack, resurfacing of secondary runway and expansion and modification of Terminal 1B.

Issue Process of Primary Markets

2966. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group to Review Issue Process (GRIP) panel has recommended elimination of application forms in the primary market;